

Town Elections

Voting is an important right for all Americans. This civic duty is the cornerstone of our democracy and should be exercised at every opportunity. New Hampshire's voting system is semi-opened. While it does not allow a registered member of one party to cast ballots in the other parties primary, it does allow registered independent voters to pick their ballot before voting. This gives voters the freedom to influence the race but remain officially independent.

New Hampshire's role as the Nation's first primary is an important one. The New Hampshire law actually requires the Secretary of State to move the primary's date to one week before any similar election.

To begin the voting process, you can head down to the Exeter Town Office Building and speak with the [Clerks Office](#). They will be able to help you register and ensure you are all set to vote.

By mail/ in writing: If you meet the state's voter requirements and qualifications and are unable to register in person because of physical disability, religious beliefs, military service, or because of temporary absence, you may register by mail. See absentee qualifications and procedures below.

Other Voter Registration Application Information: It may be easier for you to register with your community's Supervisors of the Checklist. By law they are required to meet on the Saturday 10 days prior to each election. Check the local newspaper(s) or call your clerk's office for the date and time of such meeting.

ABSENTEE BALLOT QUALIFICATIONS

Who can vote absentee:

- Absent on the day of the election from the city, town, or unincorporated place where you are domiciled.
- You cannot appear in public on election day because of observance of a religious commitment.
- You are unable to vote in person due to a disability.
- You cannot appear at any time during polling hours at my polling place because an employment obligation requires me to remain physically at work or to be in transit to or from work from the time the polls open until after the time the polls close.

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